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In re Application of	:	
SANTAMARIA	:	
Application No.: 10/537,989	:	DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/EP2003/013951	:	
Int. Filing Date: 09 December 2003	:	UNDER
Priority Date: 09 December 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 613-97	:	37 CFR 1.497(d)
For: ANHYDROUS CRYSTALLINE FORM	:	
OF VALACYCLOVIR HYDROCHLORIDE	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 06 November 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 09 December 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/EP2003/013951, which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 09 December 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 24 June 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 09 June 2005.

On 09 June 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) for filing any of the search fee, the examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of the commencement of the national stage.

On 07 March 2005, applicants filed a "REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)", which was properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d). The petition was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration of Antoni Santamaria, a declaration of Pau Cid, and a declaration of inventors identifying Pau Cid as the sole inventor and signed by him.

On 17 July 2006, the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed a NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) according the application a 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of 14 December 2005.

On 13 September 2006, a decision was mailed dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.497(d) without prejudice for failing to satisfy 37 CFR 1.497(d)(3). The decision also vacated the NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION mailed 17 July 2006

On 06 November 2006, the instant "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)" was filed.

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.497(d), provides:

(d) If the oath or declaration filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) and this section names an inventive entity different from the inventive entity set forth in the international application, or if a change to the inventive entity has been effected under PCT Rule 92^{bis} subsequent to the execution of any oath or declaration which was filed in the application under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) or this section and the inventive entity thus changed is different from the inventive entity identified in any such oath or declaration, applicant must submit:

- (1) A statement from each person being added as an inventor and from each person being deleted as an inventor that any error in inventorship in the international application occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part;
- (2) The processing fee set forth in Sec. 1.17(l); and
- (3) If an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee (see Sec. 3.73(b) of this chapter); and
- (4) Any new oath or declaration required by paragraph (f) of this section.

As noted in the decision mailed 13 September 2006, items (1) and (2) have been satisfied and item (4) is not required. Item (3) has now been satisfied as well.

The declaration of inventors filed 14 December 2005 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

The request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth above.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application in accordance with this decision including (1) processing the application in the name of Pau Cid as the sole inventor and (2) preparation and mailing of a new NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION.



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